

ACS Newsletter

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Olympic Ticket Lottery has Opened

Entry into the PyeongChang 2018 Olympic Games online lottery for ticket sales opened February 9th and will run until April 23rd.

Residents of Korea are able to enter the lottery to purchase tickets directly from the official Korean Olympic website. Detailed information on the lottery sale along with a link to purchase tickets can be found on the official Olympic website:

<https://tickets.pyeongchang2018.com/en/>

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Upcoming Special Elections in CA, GA, and KS

The State of California will conduct a special primary election on Tuesday, April 4, 2017, for the 34th Congressional District to replace Xavier Becerra who was confirmed as Attorney General of California. This district consists of part of Los Angeles County. If you are a resident of California's 34th Congressional District, you may register and/or request an absentee ballot at <https://www.fvap.gov/>.

Georgia and Kansas (April 11) also have upcoming elections. Please click [this link](#) if you'd like to check for elections in your state and district.

For more information on the Federal Voting Assistance Program or assistance with the absentee voting process please go to FVAP.gov or call FVAP at 703-588-1584 (toll free 1-800-438-VOTE or DSN 425-1584) or email (vote@fvap.gov).

References for Victims and/or Persons Accused of a Crime

Are you encountering legal issues, has someone you know been arrested, or have you been the victim of a crime? The following links at the US Embassy website (<https://kr.usembassy.gov/u-s-citizen-services/>) may provide helpful information:

- Help for [American Victims of Crime in South Korea](#)
- Handbook "[What to expect when you are arrested](#)"
- [List of attorneys](#)

Continuing Demonstrations

Large-scale demonstrations are likely to continue through the winter. Groups have gathered at Gwanghwamun Plaza (across from the embassy), Seoul City Hall, Gyeongbuk Palace, the National Assembly (Yeouido), and other locations in Seoul and throughout Korea. Even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational and escalate into violence. Avoid demonstrations, and exercise caution if in the vicinity of large gatherings, protests, or demonstrations. Review personal security plans, remain aware of your surroundings, including local events, and monitor local news stations for updates. Be vigilant and take appropriate steps to enhance your personal security.

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IRS Provides 2016 Tax Filing Guidance

The following links provide useful information as you prepare to file your 2016 tax return.

Preparing for Tax Season

- [Tax Information for International Taxpayers](#)
- [Tax Guide for U.S. Citizens and Resident Aliens Abroad](#)

Other IRS links

- [Individual Taxpayer Identification Number \(ITIN\)](#)
- [Expatriation of U.S. Citizens](#)

Upcoming Outreach at USFK Installations



We offer passport, birth registration (Consular Report of Birth Abroad), and notarial services at USFK installations throughout Korea. Please note that you must have base access to attend these outreaches. Upcoming outreach events are below. For the most up-to-date information, visit our [outreach services page](#) on the U.S. Embassy website.

USAG Yongsan: Weekly on Wednesdays from 09:00-11:00 and 12:30-15:30 with exception of March 8 when we will be closed.

Camp Henry: March 30, 2017 (Thursday) from 13:00-16:30 and March 31, 2017 (Friday) from 9:00-11:30. Please call DSN 768-7692-3, or visit Legal Assistance Office, Bldg. #1805 to schedule an appointment.

Camp Casey: April 5, 2017 (Wednesday) and June 7, 2017 (Wednesday) from 9:30~13:30. Email CampCaseyPassport@state.gov to schedule an appointment.

Osan AB: April 4, 2017 (Tuesday), May 2, 2017 (Tuesday), June 2, 2017 (Friday), and July 6, 2017 (Thursday) from 10:00-15:30. Call DSN 784-6719 to schedule an appointment.

Embassy Closures in February-April

The U.S. Embassy will be closed on Monday, February 20 (President's Day), Wednesday, March 1 (Korean Independence Movement Day) and the Consulate (including American Citizen Services) will be closed on March 8. If you are applying for passport or consular report of birth abroad services, please consider these closures and apply early! For up to date information about Embassy closures please visit our [website](#).